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SUBJECT ABC and Fairness Doctrine

PETER JENNINGS: The Federal Communications Commission said today that ABC News had not violated the Fairness Doctrine in a report on the Central Intelligence Agency, and dismissed the CIA's complaint.

The complaint had been brought with the FCC because we had reported on charges that the CIA had plotted to kill an American businessman.

ABC News management said the FCC action reaffirms the strength of the First Amendment.

The FCC also dismissed a complaint against CBS News for reporting it had done criticizing major weapons systems.